

### SMALL ENTITY DECLARATION

APPLICANT OR PATENTEE TLV Company, Limited  ATTORNEYS  
 SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  PATENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 FILED OR ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_  SUBMITTED HEREWITH  
FOR \_\_\_\_\_

I(we) hereby declare that I(we) am(are) entitled to the benefit of small entity status with respect to the above-identified application or patent for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) & (b) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

A. INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

I(we) qualify as a(n) independent inventor(s) as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c).

B. INDIVIDUAL NON-INVENTOR

I would qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) if I had made the invention.

C. SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I am  THE OWNER  AN OFFICIAL of the small business concern identified below and am empowered to act on behalf of the concern. The concern qualifies under 37 CFR 1.9(d) and 13 CFR 121.3-18. Rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the concern and are exclusive unless a checkmark is placed here  and another Declaration on behalf of another entity is filed herewith.

D. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the non-profit organization identified below. The organization qualifies under 37 CFR 1.9(e), sub-section:  (1)  (2)  (3)  (4). Rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the organization and are exclusive unless a checkmark is placed here  and another Declaration on behalf of another entity is filed herewith.

I(we) acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I(we) hereby declare that all statements made herein of my(our) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Name of Inventor \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Title President and Representative Director Date June 26, 1998

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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

特許出願宣言書  
Japanese Language Declaration

私は、下欄に氏名を記載した発明者として、以下のとおり宣

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

言する：

私の住所、郵便の宛先および国籍は、下欄に氏名に統いて記載したとおりであり、

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

○名称の発明に関し、請求の範囲に記載した特許を求める主題の  
○本来の、最初にして唯一の発明者である（一人の氏名のみが下  
○欄に記載されている場合）か、もしくは本来の、最初にして共  
○同の発明者である（複数の氏名が下欄に記載されている場合）  
○と信じ

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

○設備点検評価装置、設備管理装置及び設備管理プログラム  
○を記録したコンピュータ読み取り可能な記録媒体

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND EVALUATION SYSTEM, EQUIPMENT

○その明細書を

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORD MEDIUM

(該当する方に印を付す)

WITH EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STORED THEREIN

ここに添付する。

\_\_\_\_\_に出願番号

第\_\_\_\_\_として提出し、  
\_\_\_\_\_日に補正した。

the specification of which

(check one)

is attached hereto.

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as

Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

(該当する場合)

私は、前記のとおり補正した請求の範囲を含む前記明細書の  
内容を検討し、理解したことを陳述する。

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

私は、連邦規則法典第37部第1章第56条(a)項に従い、  
本願の審査に所要の情報を開示すべき義務を有することを認め  
る。

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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私は、合衆国法典第35部第119条にもとづく下記の外国特許出願または発明者証出願の外国優先権利益を主張し、さらに優先権の主張に係わる基礎出願の出願日前の出願日を有する外国特許出願または発明者証出願を以下に明記する。

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

prior foreign applications  
先の外国出願

Priority claimed  
優先権の主張

Patent Application

No. HEI 9-207321

(Number)  
(番号)

Japan  
(Country)  
(国名)

July 15, 1997

(Day/Month/Year Filed)  
(出願の年月日)

Yes  
あり

No  
なし

Patent Application

No. HEI 9-207322

(Number)  
(番号)

Japan  
(Country)  
(国名)

July 15, 1997

(Day/Month/Year Filed)  
(出願の年月日)

Yes  
あり

No  
なし

Patent Application

No. HEI 9-207323

(Number)  
(番号)

Japan  
(Country)  
(国名)

July 15, 1997

(Day/Month/Year Filed)  
(出願の年月日)

Yes  
あり

No  
なし

Patent Application

No. HEI 9-212581

(Number)  
(番号)

Japan  
(Country)  
(国名)

July 22, 1997

(Day/Month/Year Filed)  
(出願の年月日)

Yes  
あり

No  
なし

Patent Application

No. HEI 9-212582

(Number)  
(番号)

Japan  
(Country)  
(国名)

July 22, 1997

(Day/Month/Year Filed)  
(出願の年月日)

Yes  
あり

No  
なし

私は、合衆国法典第35部第120条にもとづく下記の合衆国特許出願の利益を主張し、本願の請求の範囲各項に記載の主題が合衆国法典第35部第112条第1項に規定の態様で先の合衆国出願に開示されていない限りにおいて、先の出願の出願日と本願の国内出願日またはPCT国際出願日の間に公表された連邦規則法典第37部第1章第56条(a)項に記載の所要の情報を開示すべき義務を有することを認める：

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)  
(出願番号)

(Filing Date)  
(出願日)

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(出願番号)

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(出願日)

私は、ここに自己の知識にもとづいて行った陳述がすべて真実であり、自己の有する情報および信ずるところに従って行った陳述が真実であると信じ、さらに故意に虚偽の陳述等を行った場合、合衆国法典第18部第1001条により、罰金もしくは禁固に処せられるか、またはこれらの刑が併科され、またかかる故意による虚偽の陳述が本願ないし本願に対して付与される特許の有効性を損なうことがあることを認識して、以上の陳述を行ったことを宣言する。

(現況)  
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## **Japanese Language Declaration**

委任状：私は、下記発明者として、以下の代理人をここに選任し、本願の手続を遂行すること並びにこれに関する一切の行為を特許商標庁に対して行うことを委任する。  
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(第三またはそれ以降の共同発明者に対しても同様な情報および署名を提供すること。)

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